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Claim 22: A method for stimulating expression of STAT 3 transcription factor, comprising contacting a cell capable of said expression with an amount of an IL-TIF/IL-21 sufficient to stimulate said expression.
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Claim 23: The method of claim 22, wherein said IL-TIF/IL-21 is mammalian IL-TIF/IL-21.
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Claim 24: The method of claim 23, wherein said mammalian IL-TIF/IL-21 is human IL-TIF/IL-21.
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Claim 25: The method of claim 24, wherein said human IL-TIF/IL-21 is encoded by SEQ ID NO: 25 or 26.
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Claim 26: The method of claim 22, wherein said cell is a human cell.
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Claim 27: The method of claim 22, further comprising inducing production of an acute phase protein, production of which is regulated by STAT 3 transcription factor.
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Claim 28: The method of claim 26, wherein said cell is a liver cell.
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Claim 29: The method of claim 27, wherein said acute phase protein is human serum amyloid A,  $\alpha$ 1 chymotrypsin, or haptoglobin.
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Claim 30: The method of claim 24, wherein said human IL-TIF/IL-21 also stimulates expression of STAT 1 transcription factor.
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Claim 31: The method of claim 24, wherein said mammalian IL-TIF/IL-21 is murine IL-TIF/IL-21.
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Claim 32: The method of claim 31, wherein said murine IL-TIF/IL-21 also stimulates expression of STAT 5 transcription factor.

human 3+1

murine = STAT3  
STAT5

#25158026v1<

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STAT3 (active) acetylated  
STAT5  
begin